

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at p. 2, line 1 as follows:

The protocol stack 100 is implemented by a plurality of stack components. A “stack component”, as used in this specification, is software which implements a layer of the protocol stack 100. For purposes of Fig. 1, the blocks representing a layer in the stack 100 also represents a stack component. Instrumentation of the stack components 1065-114 is desirable to enable measurement of a stimulus received by a stack component and/or a response of the stack component to a stimulus. The instrumentation provides information which aid in fixing problems, optimizing performance and behavior, gathering utilization statistics, etc. To instrument the stack components 1065-114, code must be added to the stack components 1065-114 wherever data is available or where information can be gathered.